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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT STATUS REPORT

This correspondence is in response to the Board's May 19, 2009, request for a status report on the Sexual Assault Kit (SAK) audit.

Below is the current data associated with the SAK Backlog Elimination Project for incidents occurring prior to November 1, 2008:

	Initial		Current (as of 06/10/09)	
Unanalyzed SAKs	4,680	76%	4,451	73%
Analyzed SAKs	1,438	24%	1,667	27%
Total SAKs	6,118	100%	6,118	100%

Thus far, 4,116 questionnaires have been submitted for the 4,680 initially unanalyzed SAKs. The following reflects the data concerning the returned questionnaires:

Unknown Suspect	508	12%
Known Suspect	244	6%
Rejected for Filing	946	23%
Adjudicated	916	22%
Insufficient or Incomplete Information	1,244	30%
Elements of Crime Not Established	191	5%
Determined to be Previously Analyzed	67	2%
Total	4,116	100%

A Tradition of Service

As of June 10, 2009, 676 untested SAKs (14 percent of the untested kits) have been outsourced for analysis. The results received thus far are as follows:

Sexual Assault Kit (Pre-11/01/2008) Test Results

Positive Biological Material Screen	98	57%
Negative Biological Material Screen	73	43%
Total Results Received	171	100%

Positive Biological Material Screen SAK (Pre-11/01/2008) Status

Pending Technical Review or Reference Sample Analysis	71	72%
Insufficient Genetic Information	21	21%
Uploaded to CODIS	6	6%
Total Positive Biological Material Screen	98	100%

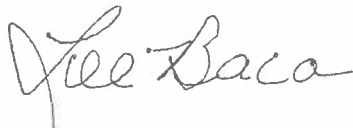
Of the six profiles uploaded to CODIS, there have thus far been two matches. One of the matches is a case-to-case hit with no named suspect, the other has a named suspect. The investigators in both cases have been notified.

Outsourcing of untested SAKs is currently suspended due to the exhaustion of available funding. It will resume upon receipt of federal authorization to access a previously awarded grant. This approval is expected in July 2009.

Currently, the Sheriff's Department's Scientific Services Bureau has 335 SAKs related to incidents occurring subsequent to November 1, 2008, either undergoing or awaiting testing.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact Technical Services Division Chief David R. Betkey at (562) 345-4301.

Sincerely,



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